

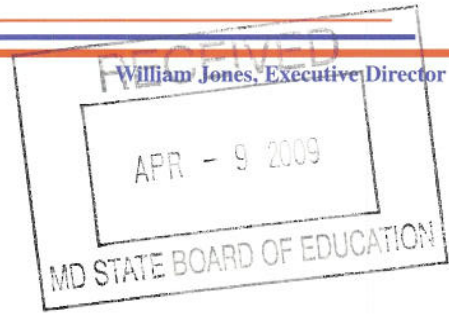
# Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County

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Maryland State Board of Education  
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Dear Maryland State Board of Education Members:

The Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County is strongly opposed to granting a Waiver of Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for Anne Arundel County. The county has additional capacity in both its property tax and individual income tax which could be raised to meet this requirement. In addition to those underused revenue sources, Anne Arundel County has opted against others such as cell phone fees tied to education as done in Prince Georges County and has even waived education impact fees for developers constructing Adult Living (over age 55) projects.

Evidence of Anne Arundel County's failure to contribute its own share to education prior to requesting such a waiver is indicated clearly on the comparison of the five urban counties contained herein using 2008 data.

	<u>Local Real Property</u> <u>per \$100 assessed</u>		<u>Education</u> <u>Effort Index</u>
		Howard	1.26
Baltimore Co	1.100	Prince George	1.07
Howard	1.014	Montgomery	1.04
Prince George	.960	<i>State Average</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>.888</b>	Baltimore Co	.99
Montgomery	.661	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>.91</b>

	<u>Local Income Tax</u>		<u>Per Pupil</u> <u>Cost</u>
Prince George	3.10	Montgomery	13,536
Montgomery	3.20	Howard	11,940
Howard	3.20	Prince George	11,189
Baltimore Co	2.83	Baltimore Co	11,038
<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>2.34</b>	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>10,847</b>

Very Respectfully,

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